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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - NOVEMBER 4 - SUMMARY

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1. PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM LEFT MAURITIUS OCTOBER 31 FOR A FIVE DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO INDIA DURING WHICH HE HOPES TO ESTABLISH CLOSE TIES WITH THE DESAI GOVERNMENT.

2. THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE MAURITIUS SUPREME COURT WAS SWORN IN AS ACTING GOVERNOR GENERAL ON NOVEMBER 1. THE RETIREMENT OF SIR RAMAN OSMAN HAS SET OFF A ROUND OF SPECULATION ON CABINET AND DIPLOMATIC CHANGES. PRESS REPORTS SURFACED AGAIN SUGGESTING THAT MAURITIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PMSD) LEADER GAETAN
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DUVAL WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN THE GOVERNMENT AS ATTORNEY GENERAL.

3. IN A RULING ON OCTOBER 31, THE SUPREME COURT CONFIRMED THE ELECTION OF MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM) PRESIDENT ANEEROOD JUGNAUTH TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. CONCLUDING MONTHS OF HEARINGS, THE COURT GAVE JUGNAUTH A 53 VOTE

MARGIN OF VICTORY OVER HIS NEAREST LABOR PARTY COMPETITOR,
WHO HAD CHALLENGED THE DECEMBER RESULT.

4. THE MMM ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL STAGE A DEMONSTRATION ON
NOVEMBER 16 TO DEMAND THE "RETURN" OF DIEGO GARCIA AND
TROMELIN ISLAND TO MAURITIUS, TO PROTEST THE ILLEGAL
EXPLOITATION OF MAURITIAN FISHING GROUNDS, AND TO REINFORCE
THE PARTY'S CAMPAIGN TO DEMILITARIZE THE INDIAN OCEAN.
DEMONSTRATORS WILL DELIVER NOTES TO THE BRITISH, FRENCH,
AMERICAN, AND SOVIET EMBASSIES.

5. THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF MAURITIUS ELECTED DR. TREVOR
XHUDDLESTON AS ITS NEW BISHOP. HE SERVED PREVIOUSLY IN
TANZANIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE HE WAS A CAMPAIGNER AGAINST
APARTHEID AND IN FAVOR OF THE POOR AND DISADVANTAGED.

6. TWO MMM LEADERS, VICE-PRESIDENT JUDDOO AND SHADOW FOREIGN
MINISTER DE L'ESTRAC, ARE REPRESENTING THE PARTY IN MOSCOW
AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER
REVOLUTION. ENROUTH THEY STOPPED IN MADAGASCAR TO ATTEND
A PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVE
PARTIES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, WHICH IS PLANNED FORR JANUARY 1978 --
PROBABLY IN ANTANANARIVO.

7. SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAFRONOV RETURNED TO MAURITIUS OCTOBER 29
AFTER A THREE-MONTH ABASENCE. DOUBTS HAD EXISTED THAT HE
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WOULD RETURN SINCE IT WAS BELIEVED HE WAS BEING HELD
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POOR STATE OF SOVIET-MAURITIAN RELATIONS.

8. AIR MAURITIUS INAUGURATED SERVICE TO AFRICA, EUROPE, AND
ASIA ON NOVEMBER 1 WITH ITS OWN BOEING 707 (LEASED FROM A
BRITISH COMPANY). THE NEW PLANE WILL PROVIDE WEEKLY AIR SERVICE
TO BOMBAY, THE SEYCHELLES, LONDON, NAIROBI AND ATHENS.
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